



ATTN: Caroline Haskins

RE: Texas Public Information Act Request: Gaggle, Temple

Ms. Haskins,

We have received your request for the following public records related to the Temple Independent School District's use of Gaggle:

1. Any documents associated with the purchase of Gaggle services for the school district. These documents may include contracts, grant applications, payment forms, payment orders, service agreements, and terms of service.
2. The total number of students in the school district that have been flagged for "signs of self-harm, depression, thoughts of suicide, substance abuse, cyberbullying, unhealthy relationships, and credible threats of violence against others."
3. The number of students that have been flagged for each respective warning sign category listed above.
4. Any school district emails that discuss disciplinary action (like detention or suspension) or an administrative response (like removing the student from class, or contacting the school guidance counselor, Child Protective Services, or the police) to student behavior on Gaggle.

The district has determined that it can fulfil only item one of your request as it is summarized above. As such, please reference the PDF document attached in the email named, *Motherboard VICE – Public Information Request – Gaggle Purchase Documents.pdf*.

As for the records requested in items 2-4 of the above, the district has determined that the documents in its possession responsive to the request are education records, and are therefore protected from disclosure section 552.101 of the Public Information Act and the Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. §1232g.

Title 34, Section 99.3 of the Code of Federal Regulations defines "Education records" as follows:

- (a) The term means those records that are:
 - (1) Directly related to a student; and
 - (2) Maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution.

FERPA does not permit state and local educational authorities to disclose FERPA-protected information, without parental consent, to third parties. As such, the District declines to provide to you the records you requested above.

Sincerely,
Christian Hernandez
Director of Communications
Temple ISD